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SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR EXCHANGING)
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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.104 (e)

In response to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in the Notice of Allowability dated April 5, 2005, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Statement of Reasons for Allowance indicates that "Although the closest prior arts, Etizenberger (6,023,232) and Sridhar et al. (5,960,035) disclose several claimed limitations, none of the references teaches a plurality of operator consoles (i.e. keyboard, track ball, mic, speaker, head set, display device) which connected to a processor unit and have user interfaces for accessing applications and for data playback, and a central system controller having a priority management system which allocates to the individual operator consoles access rights with different degrees of priority to the applications (claims 1 and 10)."

Applicants believe that the Statement of Reasons for Allowance in this case is improper.

While Applicants believe that all of the claims are allowable and patentably distinguish over the art of record, Applicants do not acquiesce that patentability resides only in each of the listed features, nor that each and every feature is required for patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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